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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MALI AND GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

1. GDR AND MALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED DECISION TO RAISE LEVEL OF PRESENT COMMERCIAL MISSIONS TO THAT OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION YESTERDAY, APRIL 19 SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BAMA KO AND BERLIN. FED AMBASSADOR VON STULPNAGEL WAS INFORMED MORNING APRIL 19 THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE AT 1100 BAMA KO TIME. MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKHO, WHO CALLED IN GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO GIVE HIM ADVANCE NOTICE, HAD INFORMED WEST GERMANS IN LATE 1972 (BAMA KO 3158) THAT MALI INTENDED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH GDR. AT THAT TIME WEST GERMANS REQUESTED MALI POSTPONE ACTION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE OR AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER U . N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED. MALIANS AGREED.

2. AT APRIL 19 MEETING, MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER POINTED OUT TO FRG AMBASSADOR THAT GOM HAD TAKEN " MINIMUM POSSIBLE ACTION" IN THAT IT HAD NOT ANNOUNCED " RECOGNITION" OF GDR AND HAD NOT ANNOUNCED EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, MERELY RAISING LEVEL OF MISSIONS. VON STULPNAGEL CONSIDERS THESE CONCESSIONS TO BE OF SOME LEGAL IMPORTANCE. FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED GDR HAD NOT YET ASKED FOR AGREEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR FOR MOMENT BUT JOHANNES SCHOECHER, HEAD OF GDR COMMERCIAL MISSION RESIDENT IN BAMA KO, WILL PRESENT " LETTRES DE CABINET" AS CHARGE D' AFFAIRES. NEITHER
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HAS GOM REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR MALIAN AMBASSADOR TO GDR, BUT
IN FUTURE WILL PROBABLY ACCREDIT THEIR AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN
MOSCOW.

3. COMMENT: WEST GERMAN CREDIT HERE IS QUITE HIGH PARTLY
THROUGH SKILLFUL WORK BY TWO SUCCESSIVE VERY PERSONABLE
AMBASSADORS
BUT MORE BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
FRG HAS GIVEN TO MALI. GDR IS ALSO AID DONOR AND IS IMPORTANT
SOURCE OF TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR MALI.
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